

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 6-16, with the following paragraph:

Fig. 4 is an enlarged view of the catch block 28 and the inspection unit 24a. The panel inspection apparatus 11 has a plurality of second rails 33, which are perpendicular to the first rail 26. The second rails 33 support a base 34 so that the base 34 is movable in the two directions indicated by arrow B. The base 34 cannot be moved along the first rail ~~25~~26. The base 34 has a projection 34a, which comes into contact with an absorber 35 and a stopper 36 and restricts the moving range of the base 34. When the base 34 approaches the display panel 22, the absorber 35 controls the velocity of the base 34.

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, lines 16-29, with the following paragraph:

The jig 27a of Fig. 6 is exchanged by a jig 27b. The connection blocks 30a-30e are arranged on the jig 27b in correspondence with the PDP electrode groups 23a-23e and the interval P2 of the small display panel 22b. The jig 27b includes the connection blocks ~~20a~~30a-30e, which are arranged in correspondence with the PDP electrode groups 23a-23e, and the surplus connection block 30f. The surplus connection block 30f is fixed at a position separated from the connection blocks 30a-30e. The electrode group interval P2 of the small-size panel 22b is the same as that of the middle size panel 22a. Thus, the interval (P2) between the connection blocks 30a-30e of the jig 27b is the same as the interval between the connection blocks 30a-30f of the jig 27a.